

Childminder Report

Inspection date	7 March 2017
Previous inspection date	17 October 2016

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Inadequate	4
	Previous inspection:	Inadequate	4
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Inadequate	4
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Requires improvement	3
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Inadequate	4
Outcomes for children		Requires improvement	3

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is inadequate

- The childminder has not taken effective action to address all issues raised at the last inspection. Children's health is still compromised by poor hygiene practices at mealtimes. This includes the hygiene risks posed by the family pets.
- Children's safety is compromised by weak risk assessments of the home.
- Records to show that parents have given consent for their children to be given medication are not maintained. This compromises children's safety.
- The childminder is not aware of legal requirements that exist to ensure that personal information relating to children is handled in a way that ensures confidentiality.
- The childminder does not consistently provide healthy, balanced and nutritious meals. Children are not sufficiently encouraged to make healthy choices about what they eat and drink.
- The quality of teaching is variable. This is because the childminder is unable to meet the different learning and developmental needs of babies and older children at the same time.

It has the following strengths

- Children are happy and settled. They enjoy loving and affectionate relationships with the childminder, which helps promote their emotional well-being.
- Older children enjoy some exciting activities that reflect their interests and promote their learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

The provision is inadequate and Ofsted intends to take enforcement action

We will issue a Welfare Requirements Notice requiring the provider to:

	Due Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ take all necessary steps to keep children well and promote their good health, ensuring there are suitable facilities for the hygienic preparation of food and good hygiene practices at mealtimes 	24/03/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children by taking action to minimise the hazards associated with the suspended cords, the unsecured fireguard and the unlocked front door 	24/03/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ensure written parental consent is obtained before medication is administered to children 	24/03/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ensure that personal information relating to children is handled in a way that ensures confidentiality 	24/03/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ensure the meals, snacks and drinks provided are healthy, balanced and nutritious and support children in making healthy choices about what they eat and drink. 	24/03/2017

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage the provider must:

	Due Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ensure that teaching reflects the individual needs of each child cared for and provide planned, purposeful and challenging activities that match their age and stage of development. 	24/03/2017

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed activities in the childminder's home and spoke to the childminder and children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed the childminder doing an activity with the children, and subsequently asked the childminder to evaluate the activity.
- The inspector looked at children's records, including observations, the available planning and a range of other documentation and policies and procedures.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability of adults living on the premises and the childminder's qualifications.

Inspector

Vickie Halliwell

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is inadequate

The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective. Recently introduced systems to monitor the quality of the provision are not rigorous enough. As a result, a number of requirements are not met. The childminder has failed to identify a number of significant risks. These include the risk posed by the cords dangling from the window blinds, children's ability to open the unlocked front door which allows direct access to the street, and the fireguard which is not secured. Most written records are satisfactorily maintained, including a record of medication administered. However, the required written parental consent is not always obtained before medication is administered. The childminder is not aware of her wider responsibility with regard to other legislation relating to data protection. She does, however, take sufficient steps to keep photographs of the children secure. Since her last inspection the childminder has completed some relevant training. This means she has a satisfactory knowledge of child protection issues and the procedure to follow if she is concerned about a child's welfare.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment requires improvement

Teaching does not always reflect the individual learning needs of each child cared for. However, the childminder does demonstrate some effective teaching skills. Children aged over three years are well supported and enjoy a varied range of activities that excites and interests them. Babies are less well supported. The childminder does not always fully assess what she knows about children's individual capabilities. This means she struggles to sustain babies' interest in planned learning, which is not well matched to their stage of development. However, she instinctively supports babies development as she helps them to stand and walk to explore the texture of paint on their feet. Older children are very motivated. They confidently help the childminder prepare the activity and become absorbed in their play. After making feet and handprints, they freely paint large circles and give meaning to the marks they make. Children enjoy a varied weekly routine that includes daily outings into the local community to visit a range of toddler groups and play sessions. Parents are informed about children's learning, their progress and any possible risk of delay.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are inadequate

Children's good health and well-being are compromised by poor hygiene practices. Too little is done to discourage cats from sitting on kitchen work surfaces or on tables where children eat. This was raised as an action at the last inspection. The childminder wipes some surfaces but this is not consistent and tables are not always cleaned before children sit down to eat. Additionally, the childminder fails to identify the possible risks posed when children drop cutlery in areas where dogs and cats roam freely, then pick these up and continue to use it to eat their meal. The childminder does too little to help raise children's awareness of the importance of good hygiene and how healthy food choices contribute towards their good health. Children are not encouraged to wash their hands before eating and processed convenience food is routinely provided. Despite this, children are very settled and benefit from secure emotional attachments with the childminder. Children's physical development is promoted and they enjoy outdoor play and daily outings,

including trips to soft-play centres and activity sessions. Simple explanations are used to help children learn right from wrong and understand the importance of socially acceptable behaviour.

Outcomes for children require improvement

Not all children make enough progress. The individual learning needs of younger children are not well supported. However, older children are, generally, developing some of the basic skills they need for school, such as independence and good behaviour. They are becoming confident learners who enjoy learning new skills within a supportive environment.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY401865
Local authority	Salford
Inspection number	1076966
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 10
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	5
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	17 October 2016
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2010 and lives in the Swinton area of Salford, Greater Manchester. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm on weekdays, excluding bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds a childcare qualification at level 3.

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